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## Chamber Of Commerce Organizational Meeting To Be Rescheduled

An organizational meeting for the formation of a Scotch Plains-Fanwood Division of the Plainfield Area Chamber of Commerce will be rescheduled for the near future, following an extremely poor turnout for the original meeting, set for Tuesday, May 29.

Professional staff members of the Plainfield Area office, and volunteer members of the Plainfield Chamber were on hand at the session at the Scotch Plains Library, and voiced their optimism that there is considerable interest in formation of a Scotch Plains-Fanwood Division. In previous contacts with the more than 500 businesses in Scotch Plains and Fanwood, the Chamber representatives said they have had up to 35 businessmen evidencing a positive attitude and a willingness to become involved in formation of the division. They attributed the poor attendance to the fact that the meeting was slated for the night after a three-day holiday weekend.

Sam Damiano, who is a full-time professional heading a five-man staff in Plainfield, pointed out that the majority of businesses in the Scotch Plains-Fanwood community are very small, and therefore would benefit especially from an organization which would keep all informed and acquainted with business colleagues.

Damiano said the initial meeting, attended by 35 business people, had resulted in the formation of two subcommittees: one to examine the form, structure, and projects, the second to recruit members. Damiano said the project subcommittee had come up with a list of eight pos-

## Council Names New Township Manager

### Kansas Man Is Unanimous Choice After Lengthy Screening Process

Daniel R. Allan, who is currently City Manager of Atchison, Kansas, will assume the role of Township Manager of Scotch Plains in August. His appointment was announced at a press conference called by the Township Council of Scotch Plains on Friday evening.

Mr. Allan was the unanimous choice of both the Township Council and the special committee named to study applicants for the post. He was chosen following interviews with 13 candidates. Applications from at least 19 states and Puerto Rico had been received when the position was initially advertised, and the selection committee has been at work for months screening the candidates and narrowing down the field.

Mr. Allan is 31 years old and has been the City Manager in Atchison since November of 1969. A 1964 graduate of the University of Kansas, Mr. Allan was an assistant to the City Manager of Wichita, Kansas, prior to his being selected Manager for Atchison. A former Lieutenant in the U.S. Army, Mr. Allan is married. The couple are expecting their first child soon.

Among Mr. Allan's accomplishments while at Atchison, according to Mayor William Kitsz, were the planning and development of a 42-acre industrial park, completion of a major storm drainage system for the city, and a stabilization of municipal operating expenditures and property taxes at their 1970 levels. Mayor Kitsz noted that, while Atchison is considerably smaller than Scotch Plains, with a population of about 13,000, it is the center for a wide area, providing Allan with experience in a great diversity of problems.

Allan participated in the City Manager Training Program at the University of Kansas for a year, and the off-campus Intern program for a year, receiving a Master's degree in Public Administration in June of 1968. He holds a BA in Political Science from the University of Illinois, with a double minor in History and Economics. He studied for a year and a half in an off-campus course offered by the Industrial College of the Armed Forces in Washington. The course, in management of the Federal Government, emphasized administration of the Department of Defense and the more recent innovative techniques of management such as the Planning - Programming - Budgeting System.

Additional educational attainments include participation in the Kansas University City Manager School for five years, completion of an International City Management Association course in Public Relations, and attendance

at City Management Conferences. He was selected as Young Man of the Year by the OYMA on recommendation of the Atchison Area Chamber of Commerce in 1972.

The salary to be paid to Allan will be announced within the next few weeks.

Representatives of both the Township Council and the Manager Selection Advisory Committee were on hand at the press conference, and an exchange of

Mohn pointed out that the several candidates who were interviewed were most favorably impressed with the members of the Township Council. "One cannot sit through such interviews without evaluating the Councilmen," Mohn said, "and all candidates for the position found the Councilmen to be particularly articulate and concerned with the community, not only now but in the future." He called the Committee a refreshing one to serve on, with interviews and business conducted on a very harmonious basis.

### Board Of Ed Meets Tonite

The Scotch Plains-Fanwood Board of Education will hold a public meeting tonight at 8 p.m.

The purpose of the meeting is the announcement of a new principal for School One.

sible projects to be undertaken initially by the new division. A decision on which of the eight to start with had been scheduled for Tuesday night, and will be undertaken at the rescheduled meeting. The projects were: 1) retail promotions and Christmas decorations, 2) study of flooding problems, 3) traffic

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## Weatherman Shuts Off Rain—Paraders March, Fanwooders Picnic

Memorial Day Weekend usually marks the beginning of summer festivities. This year it has been "muddled" with rain, rain, rain. Nevertheless, thousands of dauntless Scotch Plains-Fanwood citizens who had grown accustomed to nothing but gray days for a week before, managed to eke out some aura of holiday fun darting between the raindrops.

The sun didn't shine on Saturday, but enthusiasm was high nevertheless, among the 44 participating groups who made up this year's Memorial Day Parade. As usual, the parade was strictly hometown flavor, with dozens of kids proudly marching along with their dads in Indian Guides, with their moms as leaders of Brownies or Scouts, or with their girlfriends as fellow members of girls' baseball teams. The parade included a bit of everything

that spells Scotch Plains-Fanwood — the 4-H members on horses, volunteer firemen and Rescue Squads, Little League and Italian-American Club, Rotary and Lions.

A full complement of 10 top-notch bands provided sprightly martial music for the paraders. The bands included the Saints Drum and Bugle, Denville String Band, Highlander Girl Pipers, South Plainfield High Band, Patriots. Silver Lancers, Towns-

men and Continentals. The biggest crowd of onlookers was drawn

by the very competent and popular High School Raider Band, just returned from triumphant participation in a Baltimore band competition. For many citizens, this was the first peek at the many new flags which enhance the band's new look for 1973. An enormous U.S. flag was carried in front of the band, while individual blue-gold-white flags were born in each row down the middle of the band alignment.

The Fanwood Community Picnic followed the parade. Skies remained dull and threatening.

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### Listening Post

The regular monthly Listening Post session conducted by Scotch Plains Committeemen Alan Augustine, Walter Groe and B. Lawrence Newcomb has been set for Saturday, from 10 to 12 noon. The sessions have been planned by the committeemen in order to provide for Scotch Plains residents an opportunity to present their views, seek information, and inform themselves on questions of concern. The public is invited to the informal meeting, which is held on the first Saturday morning of each month in the Committee Chambers, Municipal Building, Park Avenue, Scotch Plains.